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I am deeply disheartened by the actions Microsoft has taken to solidify their current market position. I feel letdown by the DOJ in their lackluster quest to impose just punishment on Microsoft. Although Microsoft has been found to be a Monopoly, who used it's dominance to destroy their competitors, they continue with their old antics; for example, in Microsoft's latest release of Windows XP they have integrated Windows media player into the OS... sound familiar? How can Real Player and Quick Time compete with this? The DOJ must take into consideration the consumers' perspective. The consumer will use what is given to them; they won't pursue an alternative to the integrated functionality of the Operating System. How about the content providers? Why would they use any other media utility? Once Windows XP is mainstream, Microsoft will have nearly 100% market share in the media player market... Why would the content providers use any other media utility? Furthermore, with Microsoft's dominance and potential saturation of the media market, what are users of non-Microsoft operating systems to do? How are the development communities of Open Source software and Mac OS Developers to compete? Can we allow Microsoft to embrace standards and "extend" them into incompatibility with legacy systems, furthering the divide between traditional UNIX servers and Microsoft's desperate attempt to dominate the server market (i.e. Kerberos)?

I propose this resolution that Microsoft be ordered to publish all APIs', Frameworks', Server Protocols, File Formats, or any such information (perhaps excluding the Intellectual Property that is source code) that the development community needs to interface with or create emulation of all current/future Operating Systems and their related services.

Thank You,  
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